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Walparaiso University Herald



JOHN G. NORN

Law '10, who has traveled around the world, and many countries over; who has spent seven years in the Philippines and who, for our next issue, will furnish an illustrated article entitled, "The Enemy."

SHALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAND OVER RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONARY REFUGEES TO THE CZAR?

An Appeal to the Friends of the Russian Oppressed.

Recently a proceeding for the extradition of Jan Janoff Pouren and Christion Rudovich, Lettish peasants, demanded by the Russian Government, has dragged along in the United States District Court, New York City and Chicago, Ill. It has lately ended with Commissioners Shields' and Foot's decisions that both the accused shall be given up to the Czar.

Little celebrity attaches to this case. The defendants are men of no marked personality and their alleged acts fail to distinguish them from among numerous other refugees from the Russian provinces; but that very obscurity suggests the gravity of the situation. Their mediocrity shows that the case is brought as a test and their parity with others indicates that efforts will be made to give the precedent thus formed a wholesale application. So firmly does the Bureaucracy now hold Russia in its clutches that it has a tentacle free to reach out over seas after fugitives abroad. Having induced us to violate the honor of one hundred and thirty-two years by betraying this confidence, it will claim a right to drag an indefinite number of its exiled subjects from our asylum.

When Jan Pouren and Rudovich—if the accused are truly they—crept into America and sought to hide themselves away like wounded animals, they did not attract the attention of their more prominent fellow-refugees. One might suppose that their "Little Father," also, would have forgotten them. Not so. By that benign Paternity the fortunes of a hundred millions of such children are never forgotten, but are followed with anxious concern on sea and land.

Assuming that the men requisitioned have committed acts of violence as alleged, their surrender must be abhorrent to every liberal, humane mind for three sufficient reasons: **First**, the political character of their deeds, which no technicality can obscure; **Second**, the dangerous precedent that would be set by violating the right of asylum, thus immediately jeopardizing the refugees who have come here relying upon it; **Third**, that no reason is strong enough to give over any man to torture. Ground for these statements will appear by examination of the case.

Pouren's and Rudovich's role stands out clearly in the Czar's evidence as interpreted by history of the Baltic revolution. Indicia of civil war bristle from the accusing testimony. In 1905, the Lettish districts in Livonia and Courland, as well as in the rest of the country, revolted, setting up a provisional government with more formality and "de facto" authority than attended most uprisings

throughout the empire. The mass of people supported this rebellion until the ministry could rush in troops to quell it. When, in the winter and spring of 1906, orderly resistance had been barbarously suppressed, the war dragged on in a concerted, but guerilla form. The revolutionary combatants then operated in small parties and became known as Forest Friars, or Brothers of the Woods. In such a character appeared Pouren and Rudovich, whose alleged "crimes" accord with the military policy of their faction. To suppress this revolution the Russian Czar applied such tortures that could be equalled only by the Spanish Inquisition. Here is a statement written by Prince Kropatkin to the London Times (July 28, 1908), reprinted in the New York Evening Post (August 6). He refers to a statement signed by thirty-one members of the third Duma, comprising sixty-seven pages of data. They affirm that from December, 1905, to June, 1906, 1,170 persons in the Lettish region were executed without trial and a number several times larger flogged or otherwise tortured. They further recite: "The punishments began to take, from August, 1906, the character of true inquisition tortures, which were carried on in concealment, to obtain 'confessions' from the arrested persons, and consequently to deliver them to the field military courts. However, it happened very often that such 'confessions' could not be obtained, and then the persons arrested were simply shot, or killed with bayonets, without any semblance of trial. In such cases it was ordered to report that the prisoner was killed 'while making an attempt to escape'; but this excuse was not always resorted to; many were killed quite openly."

And now not being satisfied with the tortures and murder of thousand upon thousands of men, women and children in his own country, the Czar, that **Bloody Vampire**, is seeking for his political enemies in this free and great republic.

In the celebrated "Amistad" case, seventy years ago, our courts were asked to decide whether a mutinied ship load of slaves who had come upon Mantaug Point should be restored to their native jungles or delivered up to Spain. Then Judge Judson, of Canterbury, Conn., the same man that had hounded Prudence Crandall for schooling colored children—declared from the bench, of those murderous negroes: "They shall not sigh for Africa in vain; bloody be their hands, they shall yet embrace their kindred."

The time has come for the American people to make an equally positive declaration. The American people shall not soil their hands in blood.

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EDITORIAL.

"AND MUSIC."

For many years Valparaiso has wanted to boast itself as "The City of Schools and Churches." Some there were who peeringly added "and saloons." Today we still boast ourselves "The City of Schools and Churches." But many there are who thoughtfully add, "and Music."

Refer we to the Nickelodeon that has taken the place of some of the saloons or to the music of the knife and fork now heard where other saloons once stood? Ah, no!

Compared with the ribald song of the saloon the bass tones of the nickelodeon are anthem echoes; and when the death dirge from the clanking wine glass changes to the music of feasting, words fail us. Such music can not be compared. But we speak not of this.

Not only has Valparaiso University one of the largest conservatories of music in the land, but Valparaiso has at least three concert companies that have achieved a national reputation—Helen Axe Brown and her company; The Lyrics, and the Salisbury Family.

In a former article we made mention of Miss Brown and her achievements—of her tour of the western states, etc.

The Lyric Concert Company is another Valparaiso production that every student should hear whenever the opportunity affords itself.

In less than five years the Lyrics have traveled more than 100,000 miles, sang in every state east of Colorado and in every city above 20,000 population in these states.

In a few weeks the Lyrics start for the west and will tour all the western states. Then, after a short rest, they start eastward and will sing in Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York City, from whence they go to Havana, Cuba, and on to Panama, where they have four engagements to fill.

Many of the students do not know that Valparaiso boasts one of the most remarkable families of musicians in the land. For when the students are here the singers are somewhere else, perhaps in St. Louis, perhaps in Galveston or San Francisco, or Detroit, or Boston, or New Orleans—anywhere but Valparaiso. Not more than one chance in a year do we have of hearing them here in their own

home city. That one chance this year will be at the Christian Church next Tuesday night. Every student who loves music should step in to Bogarte's immediately and procure a ticket, as seats are going rapidly and sales now have far surpassed all expectations—Some there are who are not without honor even in their own city and among their own people. Such are these concert companies which, having won a national reputation as musicians, have added to Valparaiso's honored title of "City of Schools and Churches" the further honor "and Music."

AN IMPORTANT NEW ORGANIZATION.

No doubt, the various State Societies of our University students, are factors of great necessity for us. But circumstantially these bodies can not do more for its members than to entertain them socially.

What we lacked for a long time was an organization, the members of which would find some food for the brain.

Last week such a society was formed, namely: "Free Platform Club." We quote some paragraphs from the constitution:

1. To study scientific and philosophic works.
2. To entertain lecturers of various thoughts, with the express object of inducing inquiry after truth.
3. The discussion of moral, religious, educational, political and social questions, as they affect the intellectual progress of man.
4. To seek the discovery of the proper relation of man to man and to the universe.
5. That this club, recognizing and admitting that there may be truth in every attitude believes it to be imperatively essential that its own platform be free for the representation of all phases of thought, while at the same time this club can not, obviously, be held as completely representative.
6. That progressive thought be the keynote in the prevailing principles of this club, each member being free to accept that interpretation which he believes to be best.

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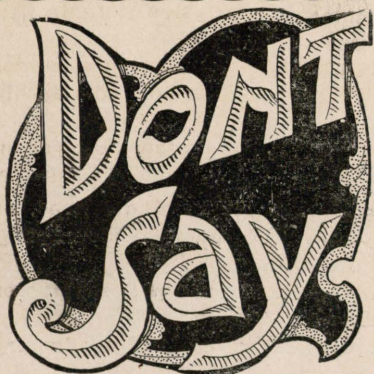
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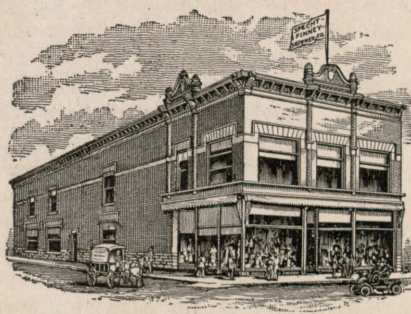
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THE DIXIE VOICE.

By U. L. Barrett.

The Southern folks, the Dixie braves,
On Sad'y ev'ning last,
In Elocution Hall, enjoyed
A mental-heart repast.
And first upon the Bill of Fare,
In words sublime and flow'ry,
Appeared the famed "Missouri Mule,"
Served fresh by Mr. Low'ry.

And when the mule had sang his song
About his wondrous ways,
Upon the scene appeared two lean,
Long, country, Texas Jays.
"I'se Gwine South to Dixie Land,"
These jaybirds sang in rhyme,
And then they talked of Judgment Day,
"A Livin' All the Time."

Next came the Lou'siana Coons,
With their great farce, "Strawberry,"
Served cold, with cream and negro jokes.
No wonder we were merry.
And then, somehow, the world grew dark,
The air seemed cold and chill,
These young-bloods from the Sunny South
Were calmed, but not by will.

'Twas 'bout a maid, a lonely maid,
Unmarried yet. Ah, me!
Full nineteen years had passed her by;
And single still. Ah, me!
Miss Bingham, of the golden hair,
This magic spell had cast,
And made us swear to help the maid,
Whom nineteen years had passed.

And then to make the ev'ning sweet,
To make us dream of when
We left our dear old Southland home,
Appeared the violin.
And from its bosom came the voice
That lulled the soul to rest;
So music closed the evening feast,
Sweet music, last, but best.

SCIENTIFICS' ELECTION.

The Scientifics met Saturday morning and elected officers.

There was very little contest and the new officers were speedily elected. The election gave evidence of the snap and vim which Prof. B. F. Williams says are characteristic of the Scientifics of 1909.

Both candidates were among the most popular young men of the class. However Mr. Houston won by a large majority.

Mr. Houston is one of the strongest students of the class and his classmates hold him in high esteem.

The following were the other efficient officers chosen: Mr. White, vice-president; Miss Hubble, secretary; Mr. Bennett, treasurer; Edith N. Crater, editor.

Mr. Moore, the retiring president, manifested his ability to preside over a meeting of this kind and his thorough knowledge of parliamentary rules has won the approval of the whole class.

PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The Prohibition League is rejoicing because of the splendid outlook for this term's work. Prof. O. P. Kinsey addressed the members December 11. The League greatly appreciates the helpful and inspiring address given at that time. Within the last month nearly fifty new members have joined the League. Saturday evening, December 19th, the League will give its term social. No energy will be spared to make it rank with the best socials yet given. The following talent has already been secured for the evening: A ten piece orchestra, which will be with us the entire evening, saxophone duet, selective; a violin trio, by Messrs. Oakes, Litholm and Riordan; a trombone duet, by Messrs. Theo. Ruhl and D. J. Riordan; the Prohibition League Quartette, and the University Ladies' Quartette will sing. Readings, talks, etc., will be added, and then, of course, there will be something good to eat. While the social is intended primarily for the League members and their friends, a limited number of tickets will be sold to those desiring them, at a cost which just covers the expense.

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"I turn to this Bible and read a little account of the creation and someone says, 'Well, how does that compare with Darwin?' Well, what does that have to do with the matter? What God wanted to show was one God and that we were the children of that God.

"It's not only a wonderful thing to me to be a son of the one God, but it is a terrible thing.

"Called to be princes, we are content to be paupers.

"Was there a flood? I don't know, but I do know that what God wanted to teach was not only that the individual that sins, but the nation which sins, shall die.

"I say from the experience of a life time that I have found that the man who kept himself pretty close to this book never went very far wrong.

"It's a common statement that man has his religion in his wife's name.

Men are morally weak. That is why we have them dig ditches and build bridges and work at material things. The things that relate to eternity

we relegate to the women.

"You need iron in your blood to accomplish things and you need ideals in your lives to accomplish things.

"When you begin to think that there is such a thing as duty and that that thing is yours to do then you are just changing from a boy to a man.

"God didn't create you to do mean things. He created you to do Godly things.

"The only work worthy of man is to finish God's unfinished work on earth.

"We're apt to stay in the same narrow rut until we cut such a narrow and deep groove that we shut out the world from us and the most of the heavens.

"We have forgotten the generals of the Crimean war. We have forgotten the kings who then ruled Europe. Many of us have even forgotten the four nations that took part in the war and the only one we remember is that "Angel of the Lantern," Florence Nightingale, who left her home of luxury to administer to the dying in the ditches.

"The only immortality that comes to you and to me is through self-sacrifice.

"The forces of good and evil are waging now just as ever before and sometimes the hosts of God seem to be driven back, but we need men of iron will—men who will seize any kind of a weapon and with it wrest victory from defeat.

"This I beheld or dreamed it in a dream.

A cloud of dust o'erspread a plain
And in the cloud or underneath it,
Raged a furious battle; and men yelled and swords
Shrieked upon sword and shield. A prince's banner
wavered,
Then staggered back, hemmed in by foes.
A craven coward hung along the battle's edge
And thought had I a better sword than this—
That blue blade that the King's son bears, but this
blunt thing!

He snapped and flung it from his hand and cowering

Crept away and left the field.

Then came the King's son—weary, sore bestead
and weaponless.

He saw the broken sword hilt buried in the dry
and trodden sand

And ran and snatched it and with battle cry lifted
anew,

He hewed his enemy down and saved a great cause
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